

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE	)	CASE NO.
COMPANY'S PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING	)	89-285
AND REPRICING OF E-911 TARIFF	)	

O R D E R

This matter arising upon petition of South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell") filed October 20, 1989, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, for confidential protection of cost support information contained in Exhibit 3 to its application for authority to adjust rates on the grounds that disclosure of the information will cause South Central Bell competitive injury and it appearing to the Commission as follows:

South Central Bell has applied for authority to restructure and reprice its E-911 Tariff and in support of its application has filed cost information associated with its operations. The costs supporting E-911 were developed based upon the quantity of E-911 systems to be deployed over a five year study period. Disclosure of the information sought to be protected could give insight into South Central Bell's costing methodology and development of costs as well as an overview of the technical setup of South Central Bell's deployment of the E-911 service. Because equipment that serves the same purpose as South Central Bell's E-911 service is available to competitors, disclosure of this information would

provide potential competitors with information to develop strategic pricing plans detrimental to South Central Bell's position in the marketplace.

807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, protects information as confidential when it is established that disclosure will result in competitive injury to the party from whom the information was obtained. To satisfy the requirements of the regulation, the party claiming confidentiality must demonstrate actual competition and a likelihood of substantial competitive injury if the information is disclosed. Because South Central Bell faces competition in the emergency service market to which this information relates, disclosure of the information is likely to result in competitive injury to South Central Bell.

Additionally the information which South Central Bell seeks to protect is not known outside of South Central Bell, is not disseminated within South Central Bell except to those employees who have a legitimate business need to know and act upon the information, and South Central Bell seeks to preserve the confidentiality of this information through all appropriate means, including the maintenance of appropriate security at its offices.

This Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

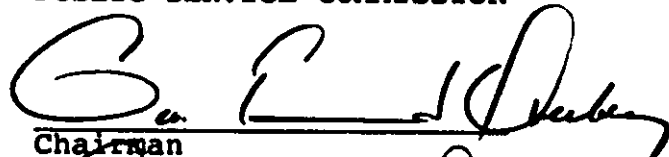
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The cost support data contained in Exhibit 3 to the application for authority to adjust rates, which South Central Bell has petitioned be withheld from public disclosure, shall be held and retained by this Commission as confidential and shall not be open for public inspection.

2. South Central Bell shall, within 10 days of this Order, file an edited copy of the Exhibit with the confidential material obscured for inclusion in the public record, with copies to all parties of record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 8th day of November, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director